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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 13, amend claim 12 and add new claims 21-24 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). An electronic image pickup apparatus, comprising:

a housing having a flat upper surface area, which houses a finder unit, an electronic image pickup unit and an image display device, and which is provided with an image display device operating member ~~[[being]]~~ which is used to operate the image display device on an outer surface thereof, wherein:

an image display screen of the image display device is disposed at a rear surface area of the outer surface of the housing,

an eyepiece window of the finder unit is located ~~[[on]]~~ at a left side on the rear surface area, ~~in which an image display screen of the image display device is exposed, in~~ of the outer

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surface of the housing in a vicinity of an upper end of the rear  
15 surface area,

the eyepiece window is ~~[[also]] located on a left side and~~  
above the image display screen of the image display device on the  
rear surface area,

the end portion of the housing, which is located ~~[[in]]~~ at a  
20 right side of the image display screen on the outer surface of  
the housing, is configured to be held by the right hand of a  
user, and

the image display device operating member is located ~~[[in]]~~  
at the right side of the image display screen of the image  
25 display device on the rear surface area such that the image  
display device operating member is operable by the thumb of the  
right hand of the user that holds the right end portion of the  
housing.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Cancelled).

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wherein the housing further comprises an electronic flash  
5 window which allows light emitted from the electronic flash to be  
projected toward the object, and the electronic flash window is  
arranged at an upper portion of a front surface area in the outer  
surface of the housing.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup  
apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a signal  
terminal which is used to output an image signal generated by the  
electronic image pickup unit and which is arranged in a side end  
5 area of another end portion of the housing located in a left side  
of the image display screen on the outer surface of the housing.

Claims 18-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus  
according to claim 12, wherein a shutter button is located at a  
right side on the flat upper surface area of the outer surface of  
the housing and an operation button for operating the pickup

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5 apparatus is located at the left side of the shutter button on the flat upper surface area.

Claim 22 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 21, wherein a photographic information display window is located at a left side of the shutter button on the flat upper surface area.

Claim 23 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the eyepiece window is located at a left side of the image display screen on the rear surface area.

Claim 24 (New). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the housing has a battery storage space, which stores a battery, and a battery opening, through which the battery is inserted in and removed from the battery  
5 storage space, at a right side on a bottom surface area of the outer surface of the housing, and

a battery cap is attached to the battery opening such that the battery cap is rotatable between a closed position, at which the battery cap closes the battery opening, and an open position,  
10 in which the battery cap is rotated downward from the battery

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opening to allow the insertion and removal of the battery to and  
from the battery storage space.